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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING PUBLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO
PARENTS OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE SIXTH GRADE
REGARDING HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS VACCINATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, human papillomaviruses are a group of over one
2 hundred fifty related viruses; and

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4 WHEREAS, human papillomavirus infections are the most
5 common sexually transmitted infections in the United States,
6 with more than half of sexually active people being infected
7 with one or more human papillomavirus types at some point in
8 their lives; and

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10 WHEREAS, sexually transmitted human papillomaviruses are
11 either low-risk, which do not cause cancer but may cause skin
12 warts, or high-risk, which can cause cancer; and

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14 WHEREAS, nearly all cervical cancers are caused by human
15 papillomavirus infections, and only two human papillomavirus
16 types account for approximately 70 percent of all cervical
17 cancer cases; and

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19 WHEREAS, human papillomavirus infections have also been
20 found to cause cancer of the oropharynx, which is the middle
21 part of the throat, including the soft palate, the base of the
22 tongue, and the tonsils; and

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24 WHEREAS, there are known, reliable methods and vaccines to
25 prevent certain types of human papillomavirus infection; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
28 recommends that the vaccination process be completed before a
29 student enters seventh grade; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the



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1 House of Representatives concurring, that beginning with the
 2 2016-2017 school year, each public school and charter school is
 3 encouraged to annually provide to each parent or guardian of a
 4 student who is enrolled in the sixth grade at that school
 5 information on the availability of a vaccination to help prevent
 6 human papillomavirus infection; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information should be
 9 approved by the Department of Health for dissemination by the
 10 Department of Education; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information should include,
 13 at a minimum, the connection between human papillomavirus and
 14 cervical cancer, as well as other cancers and diseases; and

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 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information should also
 17 notify the parents or guardian that the Advisory Committee on
 18 Immunization Practices recommends that the vaccination process
 19 be completed before the student enters seventh grade; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 23 Board of Education, Superintendent of Education, Director of
 24 Health, and Public Charter School Commission.

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